

# Franklin Park’s Turn Around Described during Worksession

by Mary Willis Clarke

At the September 19 stakeholder session, Franklin Park ownership representative Joseph Kazarnovsky told the Greenbelt city council that he was there to toot Franklin Park’s own horn but that he hoped council would “join the orchestra” after hearing their update on progress at the massive apartment complex.

Mayor Judith Davis began the meeting by giving a “shout out” to Franklin Park for its community-building activities that have included a farmers market on Sundays, a block party and participation in the National Night Out.

Franklin Park brought its whole management team to the meeting: owner Fieldstone Properties co-managing partners Kazarnovsky and Ralph Reider as well as Executive Vice President Debbie Dillion and Franklin Park Property Manager Lesley Luckhardt. Kazarnovsky did most

of the talking and described the challenges faced by the new management when they took over the property in October 2011: the physical state of the property and the nature of the tenancy.

**Changes in Tenants**

Kazarnovsky said that the tenant base in October 2010 was the “worst we have ever encountered as property managers.” He said that the management acted quickly to get rid of undesirable tenants, not just those who weren’t paying rent but “criminals and those who engaged in other undesirable activities.” A fact sheet from Franklin Park handed out at the meeting noted 600 evictions or skips (leaving without paying rent due) and a turnover in 1,300 of the 2877 units since Fieldstone took over the property. Kazarnovsky said occupancy rates had decreased from 92 percent to 78 percent after stricter rental policies including credit

and criminal background checks were instituted. The crime rate at the complex has been cut in half since implementation of the more stringent standards.

Statistics collected by Franklin Park from rental applications indicate that, with the new amenities implemented by the new ownership, family income of tenants has increased from an average of \$45,000 per year before the new ownership to about \$60,000 currently. In accordance with broad industry standards, new tenants must have a gross income of at least two and a half times rental cost. The upgrades/renovations to apartments as they are emptied and prepared for new tenants have added about \$200 per month to rental prices, accounting for only about \$6,000 of the changed income levels of residents.

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# Eight File for City Council Ruling Reversed on One

by Kathleen Gallagher

Eight candidates have been certified for the November 8 Greenbelt City Council Election at which seven will be elected to serve the next two years.

Seven of the candidates are incumbents, all of whom qualified last week.

For the lone challenger, William Orleans, the third try was the lucky charm. Orleans attempted to file to run for city council in 2007 and 2009. This year, despite having been disqualified as a candidate by City Clerk Cindy Murray last week, he was allowed to file an addendum to his papers that resulted in a decision by the Greenbelt Board of Elections to reverse the decision and accept his candidacy before the late-Monday deadline.

**Ballot Order**

The eight candidates gathered in the city council room with Greenbelt Board of Elections

Chair Pamela Gregory on September 26 to draw for position on the ballot for the November 8 city council election. A second drawing was held to determine the locations of campaign signs on city property.

The seven incumbent councilmembers who filed for re-election, in ballot order, are: Edward Putens (1), Leta Mach (2), Judith Davis (3), Silke Pope (4), Konrad Herling (6), Rodney Roberts (7) and Emmett Jordan (8). Davis and Jordan are mayor and mayor pro tem, respectively. Orleans drew fifth position.

In Greenbelt voters cast their ballots for up to seven councilmembers.

The council then elects its own mayor and mayor pro tem. By tradition, they are the two candidates receiving the largest

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# Third M-NCPPC Workshop Deals With Metro Area/Md. 193 Plans

by Thomas X. White

The Prince George’s County Planning Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) hosted its third community workshop on the Greenbelt Metro Area/Md. 193 Corridor Sector Plan on Thursday, September 22 at Greenbelt Middle School. This workshop was pretty well attended by residents of Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park and was a little better organized than the two previous workshops.

It got underway at about 6:45 and ended around 9 p.m. Chad Williams, the Planning Department’s project manager for the Sector Plan Update, provided the welcome, introductions and meeting overview for the proceedings.

**Overview**

The Prince George’s County Council acting as District Council approved the proposed Sector Plan scope and boundaries in May 2011. The first Community Workshop was held on June 14, covering Greenbelt East commercial and retail areas. The second community workshop, held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on July 21, covered the Greenbelt Road corridor East of Kenilworth Avenue, the Golden Triangle commercial office park, Capital Office Park and the Belle Point, University Square and Charles-towne Village communities.

The third workshop focused on the Greenbelt Metro proposed

developments (north and south cores), the industrial areas adjacent to Branchville Road and the Md. 193 commercial corridor in Berwyn Heights.

A fourth community workshop, scheduled for October 13, will focus on Beltway Plaza Mall properties and the Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station apartment/

townhouse development. Williams noted that a meeting focusing on transportation issues will be held later.

The Planning Department expects to release a proposed revised Sector Plan during January and February 2012, then schedule

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# Long-active Leta Mach Will Seek Fifth Council Term

*Incumbent Leta Mach is the second candidate for city council to submit her biography to this newspaper. All seven incumbents and one challenger have filed and their papers have been certified.*

Leta Mach has filed for re-election to the city council and has been certified a candidate. Mach and her husband Darrell moved to Greenbelt in 1974. They have two married children – Ryan and Amy – and four granddaughters, Anna, Alexa, Piper and Amelia.



Leta Mach

Mach was first elected to the city council in 2003 and is completing her fourth term. She has served on numerous local and national committees to represent the city of Greenbelt including the National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee. She is vice chair of the Maryland Municipal League Communications Committee and secretary of Prince George’s Elected Municipal Women.

At the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and its affiliates, she serves as chair of Clean Air Partners and is the immediate past chair of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. She is council liaison to the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mach served as chair of ACE from its inception until her election to city council, helping to guide the development of ACE programs for the benefit of Greenbelt’s schools. As ACE

chair and council-member she pushed for a new Greenbelt Middle School, which is scheduled to open next year. As council liaison to the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force, she strongly supports acquiring the historic school for community use.

Her interest in education and co-operatives has informed her efforts to enhance the quality of life for Greenbelt citizens in other ways. As ERHS PTSA president, she called for a light at Frankfort and Greenbelt Roads and again, successfully, after election to council. Familiar with the NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) program providing services to seniors in New York City cooperatives, she advocated for the adoption of Greenbelt’s Assistance in Living program. She once ran a conference on cooperatives and the Living Wage and as a councilmember pushed the city to establish a Living Wage policy.

Her efforts ensured Greenbelt’s 2007 Playful City charter designation and its renewal each year since. The program recognizes and promotes health and fitness for the young and not-so-young throughout the city. She also helped secure KaBoom! grant

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# Letters to the Editor

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for all the kind expressions of sympathy following the death of my father. The many comforting words and other support received during this difficult period were very much appreciated. We are truly fortunate to live in such a wonderful and caring community. Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

Silke I. Pope

## City Group GreenBeLT Pride Owed Coverage

Like Andy Carruthers (9/22), I was curious about the absence of any mention of either GreenBeLT Pride or Protect Marriage Maryland in the News Review's Labor Day parade coverage. I read the editorial response to Carruthers' letter a couple times and still couldn't make sense of it; perhaps a line or words were dropped? It appeared at face value to not answer his question, namely wasn't the appearance of groups supporting starkly different views in combination with divisive town opinion on the subject considered newsworthy?

Same-sex marriage is a pertinent and controversial sociopolitical issue with national as well as local significance. According to the 2010 Census, the number of self-reported same-sex couples increased by almost half in the last decade. Maryland saw a 51 percent jump, not quite 17,000 couples, and these are just the ones willing to take the risks associated with self-identification. Governor O'Malley has promised to sponsor a bill legalizing same-sex marriage in 2012. Same-sex couples are becoming increasingly mainstreamed and their numbers are growing. GreenBeLT Pride in particular is a recognized city group, complete with its contact info on the back of the current Recreation guide. Doesn't that grant them a certain legitimacy and right to news coverage, if not defense? There is no sanctioned "Protect Marriage Greenbelt" after all.

I'm not suggesting an article covering a parade in a small local paper should focus on a hot-button topic but to say nothing lends the impression the subject, a timely and relevant one, is being avoided.

Colette Zanin

## A Bit More on Pepco

I saw the article and letter about Pepco in the News Review and had to add my bit to the discussion.

Burying power lines is not a perfect solution. Who remembers the news stories about exploding manhole covers in D.C. in 2000 and 2001? They involved underground power lines and power outages resulted. The same thing happened in New York City 65 times in February of this year, according to a Reuters story. It's happening because of buried power lines so even if there were another company to build and maintain lines, burying them isn't necessarily the solution.

Who remembers news stories about contractors cutting buried power lines? I've worked places where the power went out because of that, and if you know our area, you know there is construction everywhere. This is another issue in the burying of power lines independent of the power company involved.

And now for one you probably haven't heard: news stories on WTOP radio with interviews of people who said their power lines are buried and even without explosions or contractors their power still goes out, even in good weather.

Burying power lines is not going to fix everything.

I also agree with Donn Ahearn's letter with one additional point. I was talking with a neighbor this spring who said she missed hearing birds and wonders where they all went. When you cut down the trees, the birds leave. They can't drive between home and food; they have to live where they eat. Birdhouses and feeders won't cut it. Mockingbirds, for example, will only live where there is a pair of holly trees, one of each gender, because mockingbirds rely on the holly berries for winter food. The trees should be less than 100 yards apart for proper pollination, so a female tree on one block and a male tree a full block away (especially with Greenbelt's long blocks) is not the solution. If you like having swallows and mockingbirds and starlings around in the summer to eat up mosquitoes, you have to plant trees not cut them down.

Pepco's problem is they're short on facts and long on hot air. Hope the facts above help.

Patricia Heil

## Best of Intentions

I wish to apologize to the bicyclists of Greenbelt for being ignorant of the local regulations concerning the shared use of bicycles and pedestrians on walkways, as per my letter printed two weeks ago. In my defense, I had spoken with a number of people before sending the letter and they also were under the impression that it was illegal to ride bicycles on pathways.

It would seem that this issue is handled very differently from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. I heard about one place that had an age limit for bicyclists riding on walkways and anyone over that age was confined to the street.

I appreciate Marti Scheel's very tactful and informative response.

Truly, my main purpose in writing my original letter was to draw attention to how serious collisions between bicycles and pedestrians can be and to encourage riders to be more aware. I thank Ms. Scheel for her contribution in that regard.

Catherine Hardy

## Council Candidate Forum to Be Oct. 6

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee will sponsor the first Meet the Candidates Forum for the November 8 city council election in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 6. The Community Building is located off Hanover Parkway, just north of Greenbelt Road.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF SEP 30 The Help

(PG-13)

Friday

\*5, 8

Saturday

\*2, \*5, 8

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## Library Now Loans OverDrive eBooks

Last week the Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) became the first library system in Maryland to provide Amazon Kindle compatible eBooks to patrons, as part of the OverDrive WIN initiative – a series of enhancements that support the library's virtual branch website.

By visiting <http://www.pgcmcls.info> and clicking the Online Library link at the top of the page,

library patrons can download audio books and eBooks. The newly implemented enhancements will allow most OverDrive eBooks to be read on Kindle readers or by using free apps on the iPhone, iPad, Android and other mobile devices.

PGCMLS currently has over 6,800 eBook compatible titles in its collection. The eBooks expire at the end of the patron's lending period.

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## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS

### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Yard Line Certification: 35F-G and 36R Ridge Road
- Request for Unpermitted Incompatible Entry Doors, 14H Laurel Hill
- Deadline Extension & Exception Requests for Boiler Room Modifications, 48D Ridge
- Electrical Inspections Update
- Skylight Inventory in Additions
- Email Announcement Service (Communicator Task Force Recommendation)
- Solar PVES Recommendation
- Memorandum of Understanding for Pilot Members
- Energy Upgrade Insulation Pilot Project Contract, 1st Reading
- Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract, 1st Reading
- 2011 Addition Roof Replacement Contract, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Friday, September 30, Office Closed – Maintenance emergency service available only (call 301-474-6011).

Saturday, October 1, 11 a.m. – Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Sunday, October 2 – Co-op Month Booth at Farmers’ Market

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m. – Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Sunday, October 9, 1 p.m. – GHI Members’ Picnic – Hamilton Place

Monday, October 10, Columbus Day. Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011.

Tuesday, October 11, 8:30 to 10 a.m. – Yard Line Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7 p.m. – Nominations & Elections Committee Meeting – GHI Library

Wednesday, October 12, 7:30 p.m. – Architectural Review Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, October 13, 7 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Friday, October 14, Office Closed. Maintenance emergency service available at 301-474-6011.

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Seniors Oktoberfest To Be Held Oct. 7

The Greenbelt Senior Center will hold its annual Oktoberfest on Friday, October 7 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center Gym. Helmut Licht will provide musical entertainment from 1 to 2:15 p.m., followed by light refreshments.

Seniors are invited to celebrate Oktoberfest in this afternoon of free fun, music and food.

Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Arts Advisory Board Will Meet Tuesday

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

For additional information call Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Members of the Golden Age Club enjoyed the birthday lunch on September 21, while some of the members enjoyed the trip to see “Oklahoma” at the Meade Center in Washington, D.C. It was spectacular, all glass with a view of the Washington Channel. We had a box lunch in the café and then a delightful show in the Arena theater. Thanks to Karen Haseley for this great trip.

October 19 the Club will have a dedication ceremony for the bench in honor of Bill Souser. The ceremony will be at the bench by the library and then will adjourn to the multi-purpose room for lunch.

We’ll go apple picking on October 4 and on October 7, Oktoberfest will be held in the gym at the Community Center.

Hope everyone has taken part in Active Aging Week – lots of activities to keep our brains and bodies active.

## ASG Star Party Held Saturday

All are invited to join the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) for a free star party Saturday evening, October 1 at the City of Greenbelt Observatory at Northway Fields. In addition to the observatory telescope, several members will share personal telescopes and binoculars for the enjoyment of all. Observing will begin when it is dark enough, around 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the moon, attendees will be able to watch Jupiter rise with its four Galilean moons. Several nice star clusters and nebulae may also be observed. ASG members will also be available to answer questions.

Bug repellent is strongly advised. The star party will be cancelled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot at the bottom of the hill unless bringing a telescope.

More Community Events  
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## Beltway Plaza to Be New GCDC Sponsor

Beltway Plaza has become the corporate sponsor for the newly-formed Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC). Kap Kapastin, manager of Beltway Plaza and general counsel for Quantum Companies, the mall’s owner said, “When we believe in the mission, then we support the cause.”

The first annual membership meeting of GCDC will be held on Saturday, October 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. All are welcome to attend though voting is limited to members.

To become a member or learn more about GCDC email GreenbeltCDC@gmail.com.

## Sign Up for SAGE Senior Classes Now

The Greenbelt Senior Center is offering many SAGE (Seasoned Adults Growing Educationally) classes this fall through Prince George’s Community College. These classes are available to those 60 and over. Classes begin the week of October 3; students must pre-register. There is a one-time semester registration fee.

Openings still remain in the following classes: Music Appreciation (Oratorio, and Scandinavian & Finnish Composers held Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon); Alaskan Parks and Wildlife (Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.); Basic Drawing (Starts November 21 and is held Mondays 1 to 3:30 p.m.); Body Central (improving moving and balance, held Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.); Topics in Popular Music (Thursdays 1 to 3:30 p.m.); Literature: One Act Plays (Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.); Autobiographical Writing (focusing on Greenbelt history, Tuesdays 1 to 3 p.m.); Line Dancing (Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.); and Great Foreign Films (Wednesdays 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.).

Call 240-542-2054 for more information.



## GIVES Sponsors Safe Driving Class

On Thursday, October 27, Greenbelt Intergenerational Voluntary Exchange Services (GIVES) will sponsor the next class of the AARP Drivers Safety Program. The class will be held in room 202 in the Greenbelt Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. There is a fee. Students may pay with cash or check. Pay at the door on the day of the class.

Because November is the month in which military veterans are honored, AARP will hold a second Drivers Safety class on Thursday, November 3, also in room 202, during the same hours. Veterans and their spouses may take the class for free. They must have a current military ID to qualify for the free class. Anyone else may sign up for the class but the regular fee structure applies.

Registration is required; call the GIVES office at 301-507-6580 to register between 10 a.m. and noon and 1 and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Co-op Holds Shop Healthy Workshop

The next workshop in the Co-op Shop Healthy Program will be held on October 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. In “Fall Foods & Soups,” participants will get tips on incorporating seasonal produce into menu plans, focusing on healthy soups.

The program is free but registration is required by Monday, October 3; to register call 301-474-0522, ext. 205 or email membership@greenbelt.coop. Healthy Explorations workshops will be offered quarterly at the Youth Center.

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## At the Library

### Fall Gardening

Saturday, October 1, 2 p.m., flower rubbing for children 6 to 12.

### Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, October 4, 7 p.m., teens 13 to 18 are invited to join in the Teen Advisory Board Meeting for brainstorming, discussion and more. Bring friends. Call the library at 301-345-5800 for more details.

### Lecture

Tuesday, October 4, 7 p.m., the first lecture of a series by C.R. Gibbs and Associates relating to the African Diaspora: Freedom Rising: The Battle to Abolish African Slavery in the Western Hemisphere.

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, October 5, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years. Room capacity: 20 total.

Thursday, October 6, 10:30 a.m., Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver. Room capacity: 24 total.

Pick up a free ticket for the Storytime events at the information desk.

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Adults: \$8.50  
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Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of SEPT 30

### FRI. – SAT.

Money Ball, R (!)  
11:55, 3:30, 6:40, 9:50  
Dolphin Tale, PG (!)  
11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20  
Lion King in 3D, G  
No fees at this location  
11:15, 1:25, 3:40, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30  
Dream House, PG-13 (!)  
11:15, 1:25, 3:40, 6:05, 8:15, 10:30  
Killer Elite, R (!!)  
11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30  
Abduction, PG-13, (!!)  
11:35, 2:15, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40  
What’s Your Number, R (!)  
11:45, 2:25, 5:20, 8, 10:30  
50/50, R (!)  
11:45, 2:25, 5:20, 8, 10:30

### SUN. – THU.

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### CONTINUING THIS WEEK AT THE GREENBELT ARTS CENTER

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# Obituaries

## Stephen Opsasnick

Stephen Opsasnick, 86, a former research analyst and technical data management officer for the National Security Agency (NSA) and a 54-year resident of Greenbelt, died on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, D.C. after a long battle with prostate cancer. He had remained at home and under the care of family members throughout the duration of his illness until his final 36 hours.

Mr. Opsasnick was born in Dunmore, Pa., and attended Franklin School and Dunmore Junior High School before graduating from Dunmore High School in June 1944.

After graduation he spent three months as a section hand on a railroad in Binghamton, N.Y., and then joined the army where he served in World War II. He was alternately stationed at Fort Indian Gap (Pa.), Fort Custer (Mich.), Fort Crowder (Mo.), Camp Swift (Tex.), and Valley Forge General Hospital (Pa.). Upon his discharge in 1946 he attended Scranton University, the University of Miami Law School and ultimately earned a juris doctor degree from the Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law in June 1951.

Mr. Opsasnick accepted a position as a research analyst with the Armed Forces Security Agency in Arlington, Va., in November 1951. A year later this agency changed its name to the National Security Agency (NSA) and in 1962 Mr. Opsasnick was transferred to their Fort Meade headquarters. At that time he was promoted to the position of technical data management officer and specialized in writing, reviewing and processing government contracts. He was cited by NSA as an expert in linguistics as he could speak more than a dozen Eastern European languages and dialects. He eventually completed more than 850 hours of training in the Russian language through the agency. During his 31 years with the agency (which included credit for military service) he was frequently granted assignments on clandestine Department of Defense projects where he consulted on Cold War intelligence missions, mainly pertaining to Russian affairs.

During a summer afternoon in 1950 Mr. Opsasnick met Wanda Ann Kersavage at the swimming pool at Nay Aug Park in Scranton, Pa. The couple wed on September 15, 1951, at St. Michael's Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church in Scranton. After a short stay in Dunmore they moved to Washington, D.C., where, for the next seven years, they lived at residences in the northeast and southeast sections of the city and began raising a family. In 1957

they moved to Greenbelt, purchasing a home at 13-H Hillside.

In January 1965 they relocated within the city to Rosewood Drive in Boxwood Village and were one of the first families to move into the new development. Stephen and Wanda Opsasnick recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary and enjoyed more than 46 years together in their Boxwood home.

During his younger years, Mr. Opsasnick had been an avid golfer and remained a fan of the sport throughout his life. He was a member of the Maryland Bar, St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church and had been an active member in various American Legion organizations including Greenbelt Post 136. In recent times he greatly enjoyed playing slot machines with his wife and attending live harness horse races with his son Mark in Delaware at Dover Downs Races & Slots and Harrington Raceway & Casino.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Wanda; two sons, Stephen and Mark, both of Greenbelt; daughter Deborah Kemp, of Hershey, Pa.; granddaughter Lauren Kemp, of Philadelphia; and brother John, of Scranton.

In accordance with Mr. Opsasnick's wishes, funeral services will be private.

— Mark Opsasnick

## Helen Geller

Former longtime Greenbelter Helen Shirley Geller, 89, of Rockville died on September 22, 2011.

Born July 3, 1922, to Emil and Elizabeth Leiman, she grew up in Brooklyn where she met her husband, Harvey, when they were both students at Brooklyn College.

They were married January 6, 1946, right after Mr. Geller returned from his service in World War II. They soon moved to the Washington, D.C., area. They had three daughters, Elise, Barbara (Bobbie) and Holly.

In 1957 the family moved to Greenbelt, living on Northway. Mrs. Geller was devoted to her girls, filling their lives with 4H activities, sewing and cooking projects and much more. She was a leader of two 4H groups.

She was very active in the Greenbelt community, volunteering in the nursery school, helping to start a French program in the schools and working on the Senior Citizens Advisory Council.

She spearheaded a successful drive to prohibit smoking in the Greenbelt Council meetings. Mrs. Geller was against pollution of all kinds.

Mrs. Geller was one of the

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## PFLAG Support Groups to Meet

On Monday, October 3 Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) support groups for young people (age 13 to 18) and for adults (age 18 and up) will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church at 7010 Glenn Dale Road.

Everyone is welcome. There is no fee. Support groups are led by trained facilitators. Confidentiality is maintained. The goal

of PFLAG is to help families heal and stay together. This is a chance to learn more about the subject, to ask questions, share concerns and identify resources for individuals and families.

There is a link to map and directions at [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org). Questions can be emailed to [stgeopflag@gmail.com](mailto:stgeopflag@gmail.com). More information can be found at the Metro DC PFLAG website, [www.pflagdc.org](http://www.pflagdc.org).




### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

**40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt**  
Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410  
**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**

**Worship Service 10:00am**  
**Third Sunday family friendly worship for all ages.**





O My Servant!  
Thou art even as a finely tempered sword  
concealed in the darkness of its sheath and its  
value hidden from the artificer's knowledge.  
Wherefore come forth from the sheath of self and desire  
that thy worth may be made resplendent and manifest  
unto all the world. (Bahá'u'llah)

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Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)



### Greenbelt Baptist Church


**101 Greenhill Road**  
**Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212**  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Welcome!**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:45 am</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting/Bible Study</b>

**ALL are Welcome!**

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*



### BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwynpresbyterian.net](http://berwynpresbyterian.net)

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available  
Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 am  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*"A hospitable, multicultural community of faith"*



### Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM

Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM  
Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist




### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

**6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111**  
[www.myholycross.org](http://www.myholycross.org) email [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

**Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.**



**Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!**  
**Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt**



### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church


3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**Oct 2, 10 a.m.**

"Help, the Quote and Fortune" by the Rev. Diane Teichert  
with Worship Associate Carol Canter Walker

The recent movie, the quotation on the new MLK Memorial and a series of public events at the U. of Md. create a timely moment for a conversation on race.






### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbeltucc.org](http://www.greenbeltucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor


*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,  
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*



### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**  
**301-474-4322**

**Mass Schedule:**  
**Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.**  
**Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.**  
**Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.**  
**Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe**  
**Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd**




### St. George's Episcopal Church

*Join us around a table where all are welcome!*

Services

- Sundays  
8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)  
10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays  
7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt

**MASS**

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building



# Obituaries

founders of Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Services (GIVES) and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program.

When Mr. Geller retired they returned to school, enrolling in the University of Maryland’s Golden ID Program. She earned a master’s degree in public health education and was a certified bio-feedback practitioner. She was always interested in health and alternative medicine.

The family were enthusiastic travelers; going across the country by trailer and taking a trip to Israel. After retirement, Harvey and Helen traveled the country in their RV, visiting almost all 50 states, and frequenting campgrounds from coast to coast.

Mrs. Geller is survived by her husband, Harvey; daughters Elise Hampson and her husband Al, Barbara Lambert and her husband Ron and Holly Hay and her husband Bill; and six grandchildren, Ben, Matt, Andrew, Kristin, Bill and Brett.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, September 25 at Collins Funeral Home, Silver Spring. Interment was private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heifer International at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org).

**High School Students History Essay Contest**

The Bill of Rights Institute, with funding by the History Channel, is holding its sixth annual “Being an American” essay contest for high school students in grades 9 to 12. Maryland students participate in the North Eastern Region. It is limited to students no older than 19 who are U.S. citizens or legal residents attending public, private, religious or charter schools, home-schooled or participating in a GED or correspondence school program. Deadline for submission is December 15, with all essays submitted to [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Submit). Winners will be announced next February.

The essay question is “How does the Constitution establish and maintain a culture of liberty?” and must be answered in no more than 1,000 words. Three cash prizes per region are awarded: \$1,000 first, \$500 second and \$250 third, with a \$100 prize for the teachers of all winning students. Judging will be on the basis of adherence to essay question, originality, organization, writing style and depth of analysis.


Visit [www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest](http://www.BillofRightsInstitute.org/Contest) for details.

**Early Morning Uhler Bird Walk in Bowie**

Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the end of Lemon Bridge Road (just north of Bowie State University) on Saturday, October 1 for a free Audubon bird walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area.

Held on the first Saturday of the month year round, this is a chance for beginners and experts to see resident and migrating woodland and field birds and waterfowl, with good chances also to see raptor flyovers at this Patuxent River forested floodplain. Waterproof footwear and binoculars are suggested.

Call 410-765-6482 for details.



# City Information

### Meetings October 3-7

Monday, October 3 at 8 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION** re: Greenbelt Middle School at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Tuesday, October 4 at 7 p.m., **GREENBELT ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information, please contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at 240-542-2057.

Wednesday, October 5 at 7 p.m., **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at the Greenbelt Community Center Room 111

Wednesday, October 5 at 8 p.m., **COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, re: Economic Development at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. Vacancies: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

For information call 301-474-8000.

### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION

#### REMINDER - VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The final day to register to vote for the 2011 Greenbelt City Council election is Monday, October 10, 2011.

For information about registering to vote in Prince George’s County, contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020. Voter Registration Forms, along with Change of Address or Name Forms, are available at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road, and the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road. Forms are also available on the city website, [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

All forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, October 10.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).

### Braden Field Tennis Court Renovation and Lighting Project

Braden Field Tennis Courts 1-4 will be closed from September 28th until work is completed. Tennis courts 5-8 will remain open a little longer until work begins on those courts.

### An Artful Afternoon

**Sunday, October 2, 1-4pm. Free!**

**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd**

**1-3pm:** Make decorative magnets for your locker or fridge. Bring clean plastic or metal bottle caps if you have some.

**1:30-3pm:** Closing reception - Artists in Residence exhibition, “What Remains”

**1-4pm:** Artists’ studio open house and sale.

**3pm:** Adelind Horan: Cry of the Mountain - a documentary play from Appalachia about the people who live with Mountain Top Removal. One woman, 13 characters and a banjo.

### SENIOR OKTOBERFEST

**Friday, October 7th at 1:00pm**

Greenbelt Community Center Gym  
15 Cresent Road


**Featuring: Hellmut Licht**

**Light refreshments served. Free**

### BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The City has an opening on its Board of Elections. Members of the Board of Elections are paid a nominal amount for the performance of their prescribed duties on Election Day.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to request a form. Forms are also available at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).



### CLEAN CAR CLINIC

**Wednesday, October 5**  
**10:00am-1:00pm**  
**Municipal Building Parking Lot, 25 Crescent Road**

**Drive Clean. Save Green.**



*YOU COULD BE SAVING MONEY AT THE PUMP!*

ASE-certified technicians from the University of Maryland will perform a FREE 15-minute, 26-point inspection to provide you with a report detailing how “clean” your car is and learn the top 10 ways to save at the pump! (No repairs will be conducted at the clinic.) Please call Carolyn at 240-542-2058 to sign up for an appointment.

*Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center, University of Maryland Motor Transportation Services and Maryland Department of the Environment.*

### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER

550-A Crescent Road (behind Police Station)  
Congratulations to Scrappy and Beans on their adoptions!  
Much happiness in their new homes!  
**COME OUT AND VISIT ALL THE ADORABLE PETS.**



**Peggy** is a young girl who was found wandering all by herself behind a fire station. She is completely adorable and loves to play and be scratched. She’s very anxious to find her new forever home

**Micky** is a gorgeous 7 y.o. girl whose owner sadly passed away. She is very friendly and loves to nap on her perch.

**THE SHELTER IS NOW UP TO CAPACITY WITH KITTENS AND CATS THAT NEED HOMES. PLEASE COME OUT TO SEE THEM AND MAYBE EVEN SHARE YOUR HOME!**

The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment.  
INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome any time!  
We especially need kitty litter!  
Follow us on Facebook!

### CITY OF GREENBELT

### 7th ANNUAL FREE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING DAY

**Thursday, October 6, 2011 from 5-7:30 p.m**  
**Beltway Plaza Giant Pharmacy**  
6000 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

For more information please call  
Isha Kamara, 240-542-2031.

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL ACCESS

### Week of October 3-8

Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)

Programming will be repeated Monday-Saturday.

Monday evening programming will be preempted to show the City Council Work Session live at 8pm.

9:30am & 4:30pm: Mental Health Matters  
10:00am & 6 pm: Ask the Expert-Reverse Mortgages  
10:30am & 6:30pm: Miss Greenbelt Pageant-Speaking & Crowning  
11:45am & 7:45pm Miss Greenbelt Princess Pageant  
12:30pm & 8:30pm: Labor Day Parade  
2:00pm & 10:00pm: Replay of Council Work Session 10/3/11

Programming will also be uploaded to the city’s on-demand library at [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/administration/Municipal\\_Access.html](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/administration/Municipal_Access.html).

For questions or information on Greenbelt Muncipal Access, please contact [bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:bpalau@greenbeltmd.gov).



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number of votes.

**Residency Address**

In the initial attempt to file last week, Orleans’ papers were not certified for the same reason that they were not certified in 2007: his use of a post office box number in lieu of a residence address on his affidavit of candidacy and on nomination petitions to be signed by at least 50 registered city voters. In 2009 he brought his papers to the city clerk’s office after the deadline for filing had passed.

Since anyone can apply for a post office box in any location, a postal box number is not accepted as proof of residence for running for office. Residence within the corporate limits of the city is required for running for office. Although a residence address typically comprises a street number and street name, in situations where such an address cannot be provided, other identifiers of residency can be used, including addresses or descriptors of locations where a person sleeps or spends the majority of time. Orleans presently says that he is homeless and has no standard residence address.

**Appeal Filed**

When his qualification was denied by the city clerk on September 20, Orleans filed an appeal with the city board of elections. As he had in 2007 as well, he went on to consult with an attorney from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). In 2007, the ACLU did not pursue the case, but this year, attorney Deborah Jeon, who had worked on the ACLU-NAACP project seeking changes in the city’s election law in 2009, provided advice to Orleans. According to City Solicitor Robert Manzi, Jeon also contacted him to suggest that the city accept a compromise whereby Orleans would provide

as an addendum to his papers several addresses of locations where he spends the majority of his time in order to establish that he is a resident of the city.

Although he had refused to compromise on the post office box issue in prior years, on September 23 Orleans chose to comply by submitting a letter listing a number of government, church and private facilities within the corporate limits. On Monday, the decision was made to accept his candidacy on the basis of the addendum, without any requirement to revise the documents that had not been in compliance with the city charter. Correcting the nomination petitions would have required circulating them again, since a petition cannot be altered once signed by the voters.

**Hearing**

A hearing had been scheduled for the board of elections to resolve his case at 6 p.m. on Monday, prior to the 7:30 p.m. drawing for ballot position. Although the decision to approve his candidacy made the hearing moot, Orleans requested to meet with the board anyway. The board agreed to meet with him, together with the city solicitor, the city clerk and Orleans’ campaign treasurer, Doug Love. Orleans said his purpose in meeting was to find out why his candidacy was denied and then accepted. He posed the question to the board, the city solicitor and the city clerk in turn, saying that although the “coercive compromise” he had agreed to seemed to be the reason for the change, in fact he lived at none of those addresses and his situation was no different now than before. Manzi and several board members replied that what was different was that he has submitted the statement of addresses and locations, and the meeting was adjourned.

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money available to Playful Cities for the South Ora Court playground.

Alert to opportunities and partnerships, Mach suggested the Maryland Municipal League adopt the MML Geocache Trail. This high-tech treasure hunting game brings people from around the country to find the city’s geocache and promotes and markets the city at virtually no cost.

As a new member of council in 2003 she felt it important to deepen her understanding of local government and thus enrolled in and subsequently became a graduate of the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance, a collaborative effort involving the Maryland Municipal League and the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service.

In 2000 Mach was honored as Greenbelt’s Outstanding Citizen. This recognition followed years of community service in a variety of positions with many different community organizations. Through the years, she served as treasurer of the Greenbelt Cooperative Nursery School; PTA President of both Greenbelt Elementary School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School; News Review reporter, copy editor and proofreader; volunteer for the Labor Day Festival Committee; chair of the GHI Audit Committee and secretary of the board of

the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative.

For Greenbelt’s 50th anniversary, she chaired the Greenbelt Oral History Committee that collected video oral histories. She also participated in the book project by writing chapter two of Greenbelt: History of a New Town. Also she has been a museum docent.

Beyond Greenbelt, she is the past president of both the Cooperative Communicators Association and Parent Cooperative Preschools International. She has received many awards including in 1995 the national Co-op Month Award for Communications.

Her work experience includes teaching social studies at Suitland Senior High School from 1969-73, serving as the Information Specialist at Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) from 1981-87 and from 1987-2003 working at National Cooperative Business Association (NCBA) as director of communications and cooperative education.

Mach grew up in a military family. While she was in high school her father was stationed in Washington, D.C., and she graduated from a Prince George’s County school – Bladensburg. In 1969, she received a B.A. with honors with a major in history and minors in English and education from Michigan State University.

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a joint public hearing (M-NCPPC and District Council) in March 2012 with the goal of adoption in May or June 2012 by the Prince George’s County Planning Board, followed by District Council approval in September 2012.

**Scope of Project**

The importance and scope of the planning project were emphasized by Williams in his overview and in informational materials available to the attendees. He noted that the proposed revised Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (SMA) will build upon and update portions of those approved in 2001.

An effort will be made to update these plans, based on the 2002 Approved General Plan for Prince George’s County, with attention to goals fostering a more transit-oriented, mixed-use environment compatible with the surrounding communities. With the Greenbelt Metro station designated as a Metropolitan Center, there will be a strong emphasis on Transit Oriented Development with mixed residential and non-residential development at moderate to high density and requirements for pedestrian accessibility and transit services.

All sub areas present difficult planning hurdles. The Metro North Core was the subject of a conceptual site plan approved in 2006 with no discernible progress toward development during the past five years. Instead, it is difficult even to identify the project’s owners and one jilted partner still seeks legal redress from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Two other partners have been charged with bribery and other crimes relating to this development and are awaiting trial.

**Metro South Core**

The Metro Station South Core was also granted a Conceptual Site Plan approval in 2006 with little progress achieved during the past five years. A few years ago an attempt was made to initiate some development on the South Core site until the bottom dropped out of the housing market.

More recently the “owners” of the proposed South Core enterprise declared bankruptcy. Thus development is not likely to proceed until such financial issues are sorted out and the overall economic climate for housing improves.

At the September 22 workshop, attendees and planning officials noted the “Bridge to Nowhere,” describing the long unfinished entry to the South Core area from Greenbelt Road. Celia Craze, director of Greenbelt’s Office of Planning and Community Development, said that the planned construction of the long-awaited roundabout at the intersection of Cherrywood and Metro Drives is still delayed due to bankruptcy proceedings associated with the South Core development holding up payment of construction costs.

**Franklin Park**

Moving across Cherrywood Drive, a critical access to the Metro sites, Franklin Park at Greenbelt Station is benefiting from new ownership for the past year and things are reportedly “improving” at the large apartment complex.

That property is also the subject of a revised site plan that allows much higher densities and a more transit-oriented village development. Williams said the present owners are interested in maintaining rights to the new development

classification but have no interest in pursuing redevelopment of the site at the present time.

**Beltway Plaza**

The other major development in the Greenbelt West sector is Beltway Plaza Mall. For the past several years, owners of the mall have attempted to gain approval for a site plan for a limited mixed-use, transit-oriented development on the large parking lot behind the mall adjacent to Breezewood and Cherrywood Drives. So far the city has maintained its objection to that proposal as piecemeal and the proposal has not been approved.

It is possible the Sector Plan could breathe a little life into the proposals but it is likely the city will maintain its position. The October 13 community workshop should shed further light on the above four projects and how they fare in the Sector Plan and SMA process.

Following Williams’ overview presentation, attendees were asked to participate in break-out groups to address selected topics such as land use, transportation , environmental infrastructure and public facilities. Attendees could sit at any table.

Before the break-outs, Williams requested that attendees respond to the series of options in a visioning and feedback packet of information relating to redevelopment, density, pedestrian access and zoning uses. The attendees were also told that the WMATA has decided to locate a 10,000 linear foot test track adjacent to the present Green Line track from the Maintenance Building just outside the Beltway to a distance just before the Paint Branch overpass in College Park. This facility will test the newest versions of Metro cars for the system.

**Group Discussions**

Representatives of each of the break-out groups provided summaries of their discussions:

Group 1 noted that more attention should be given to flood control measures, especially in any development of the North and South Core. The group also urged that, if possible the state-owned preservation area in the Indian Creek vicinity should be rezoned to Open-Space and Recreational Open Space to provide more assurance of the land’s preservation.

It also felt the entire area should be subject to sustainable development features. Some group member argued for a left turn off of Greenbelt Road (Route

193) into the South Core area, currently obviated by a divide on Greenbelt Road.

Other suggestions were a better retail mix, provision of suitable gathering places, lighting and other design features to discourage crime, pedestrian access and safety, a Greenbelt Police substation and concern over the existing scrap yard facility in the industrial area.

Group 2 also led with potential storm water issues in the Metro sites and adjacent areas and also suggested some redevelopment approaches for the scrap yard. It stressed the need to engineer a better pedestrian access to the Metro station from Franklin Park. Members advocated that the north-south connector road be located further east, away from the rail tracks. They felt the connector road adjacent to the track created a poor view for North College Park residents. They also were concerned about having a large federal tenant at the Metro site.

Group 3 issues included desire for upscale development; improved bicycle accessibility; a suggested “nature center” for the state-owned preservation area and development of an “Indian Creek” trail; support for the transit-oriented development approach. It also echoed the concern about location of a large federal government tenant at the Metro site crowding out other uses and stressed that the proposed development should incur minimal impact on the environment.

This group also suggested multiple parking facilities serving the north core development rather than allowing Metro to require one large facility to serve the site. And probably the most ambitious and innovative idea of the evening was this group’s suggestion that an extension of Crescent Road be considered to create a Greenbelt West Main Street environment.

Those from the bicycle community who ride Metro proposed a bicycle bridge over Kenilworth Avenue at Crescent Road and better amenities at the Metro station, such as shade trees, coffee or refreshment concessions at the station and a bike garage.

Other Resources provided at the workshop were a primer on Land Use, Planning and Zoning issues as they relate to the Sector Plan and SMA process and another list of related website links to planning tools and background.

More information is available on the project website at [www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm).



# FALL HARVEST

## MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

**OCT. 2<sup>ND</sup> 10 AM TO 4 PM**

**THE HOT NOODLES, RAINCROW, DON WALTERS, THE SCRUB PINES, PRAIRIE REHAB, & SMOKEY MOUNTAIN HILTON**

### ROOSEVELT CENTER, GREENBELT

Square Foot Gardening Demo, Fairy House workshop, Public Mosaic Art Project, & Edible Wild Plant info

Produced by the **STONE SOUP PROJECT & CHEARS**

The Chesapeake Education, Arts, and Research Society

With support from the City Of Greenbelt


Greenbelt



Supermarket Pharmacy

Farm Fresh Produce		
Nutritious Broccoli Crowns	<b>99¢</b> <small>lb.</small>	Large Sweet Seedless Red Grapes <b>\$ 1<sup>29</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>
Fresh Crunchy Pears <small>Bartlett/D’Anjou</small>	<b>\$ 1<sup>49</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>	Large Crisp Iceberg Lettuce <b>\$ 1<sup>49</sup></b> <small>head</small>
Cut & Peeled Baby Carrots <small>1 lb.</small>	<b>\$ 1<sup>50</sup></b>	Red Ripe Driscoll Strawberries <b>\$ 3<sup>99</sup></b> <small>1 lb. pkg.</small>
		Fresh Crop Potatoes <b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b> <small>Red/Yellow 5 lb. bag</small>

Fresh Quality Meats			
Fresh Perdue Oven Stuffer Roasting Chicken	<b>99¢</b> <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Value Pack Center Cut Pork Loin Chops or Roast <b>\$ 2<sup>49</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Value Pack Chicken Leg Quarters <b>79¢</b> <small>lb.</small>
Fresh Lean Beef Boneless Bottom Round Roast	<b>\$ 3<sup>79</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Value Pack Boneless & Skinless Chicken Breasts <b>\$ 2<sup>49</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>	Fresh Value Pack Country Style Pork Spare Ribs <b>\$ 2<sup>29</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>
			Fresh 85% Extra Lean Ground Beef <b>\$ 2<sup>69</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>
			Prima Familia Italian Meatballs 9.6 oz. <b>BUY ONE GET ONE FREE</b>

Dairy		Deli		Frozen	
Minute Maid Premium Orange Juice 64 oz.	<b>\$ 2<sup>50</sup></b>	Sargento Shredded Cheese Assorted 5-8 oz.	<b>\$ 1<sup>88</sup></b>	Banquet Pot Pies Assorted 7 oz.	<b>88¢</b>
Yoplait Assorted Yogurt 4-6 oz.	<b>60¢</b>	Kraft Cheese Singles Assorted 14.6-16 oz.	<b>\$ 3<sup>50</sup></b>	Boston Market Homestyle Meals Assorted 14-16 oz.	<b>\$ 2<sup>50</sup></b>
Health & Beauty	Seafood			Natural & Gourmet	Bakery
Crest Assorted Toothpaste or Gel Asst. 4-6.2 oz.	<b>\$ 2<sup>50</sup></b>	Quick Frozen Swai Fillets	<b>\$ 2<sup>99</sup></b> <small>lb.</small>	Desert Pepper Gourmet Salsa Assorted 16 oz.	<b>\$ 3<sup>99</sup></b>
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or [http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf). Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

September 18, 10 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, two men assaulted a man and took his property. The suspects are described as black males, 18 to 21 years old, 5'7" to 5'11" tall, wearing black coats.

September 19, 7:52 p.m., Ora Glen Drive at Mandan Road, two young men approached a woman, displayed a handgun and demanded her property. The suspects are described as black males, 15 to 18 years old, 5'9" to 5'11" tall with thin builds, wearing dark colored clothing.

September 20, 8:58 p.m., 7900 block Hanover Parkway, four men approached a man and demanded his property. The suspects are described as black males, 18 to 22 years old, wearing dark colored clothing.

### Reckless Endangerment

September 18, 12:53 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, a bullet was shot into an apartment.

### Disorderly Conduct

September 22, 3:10 a.m., 7900 block Good Luck Road, a resident man was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released on citation pending trial.

### Trespass

September 20, 6:19 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

September 21, 3:49 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespassing on private property and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Unattended Child

September 18, 3:13 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road a non-resident man was arrested and charged with leaving a child unattended. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Vandalism

September 17, 8:47 a.m., Roosevelt Center, graffiti was found in several places around the area.

September 18, 10:23 a.m., Crescent Road, graffiti was found in several places around the area.

## Red Light Cameras Called a Success

A mid-year red light camera program report prepared by city staff declares the program to be a continued success. Instituted in 2002, first six month data for the first two years exceeded 4,500 violations or nearly 10,000 a year. Since then, violations dropped significantly with less than 1,400 violations for the first six months of this year, averaging annually about 3,200 violations.

The most violations are occurring at westbound Greenbelt Road and Cherrywood Lane (420 for six months). The intersection camera photoing the second most number of violations is eastbound Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road. Other locations where cameras are in operation are: westbound Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road, northbound Kenilworth Avenue at the exit ramp from I-95 north and at Cherrywood Lane. Two cameras are temporarily inoperative due to state highway construction or planned construction.

September 20, 11:03 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace. A window was broken.

September 20, 11:03 a.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a window was broken.

### Burglary

September 15, 2:24 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, jewelry and electronics were reported taken.

September 18, 7:35 p.m., 9000 Breezewood Terrace, electronics were reported taken.

September 20, 6:07 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, electronics were reported taken.

September 21, 3:28 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive, a sliding glass door was broken.

### Vehicle Crimes

Two stolen vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police and one by Montgomery County police. No arrests were made in any recovery.

Thefts from vehicles occurred at 9200 block Edmonston Road (wallet, tools, currency) and 9300 block Edmonston Road (fog light covers). One vehicle was vandalized at 7700 block Hanover Parkway (window broken with a BB gun).



A damp, buggy outdoors moved participants of the second annual Blessing of the Animals Service inside Mowatt United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 25. The service, led by Pastor Fay Lundin was lively, yet reverent. The music was varied, provided by an accordion, silver flute, keyboard, Illian pipes and penny whistle. Portions of the proceeds donated will go toward the Greenbelt Animal Shelter and to fund next year's service. Rev. Fay Lundin presides over the blessing of GEB Miller and his handler Alice Noll.

photo by Franklin Noll

## Voter Registration For City Election

Voting in the 2011 city election on November 8 requires being registered to vote as a Greenbelt resident in Prince George's County. For the upcoming city council election, registration forms must be received in the office of the Prince George's County Board of Elections in Upper Marlboro no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, October 10.

### Registration Changes

People already registered to vote in the State of Maryland are no longer required to re-register if they move to a new address within the state, even if they are crossing county lines. Address changes for existing registrations can be made with the county Board of Elections by sending in a "Change of Voter Registration Data" form available at the city clerk's office at the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road or from the Board of Elections office. Such changes may also be made by simply writing a signed letter to the Board of Elections, 16201 Trade Zone Avenue, Suite 108, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774.

If a new registration is needed, the form may be picked up from the city clerk's office or at the Greenbelt Library at 11 Crescent Road. Easier yet, "let your fingers do the walking" and print the form from the website of the Maryland State Board of Elections at [elections.state.md.us/voter\\_registration](http://elections.state.md.us/voter_registration).

Voter registration changes cannot be faxed, emailed or completed online because they must contain an original signature. Forms or letters must be mailed or delivered to the county Board of Elections at the above address.

Registration or changes may also be accomplished in person at the county Board of Elections office in Upper Marlboro or at any full-service Department of Motor Vehicles office during regular hours.

### Eligibility to Vote

Eligibility to vote in the 2011 Greenbelt city council election requires being a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by November 8 and domiciled at a residence address within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt as of the date of registration. Some limitations exist regarding mental disability or conviction of felonies.

Questions about registration requirements should be directed to the county Board of Elections office at 301-430-8020. More details can be found at [princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://princegeorgescountymd.gov).

## Greenbelt Celebrates Co-op Month with Various Activities

Join Greenbelt's cooperative businesses as they celebrate National Co-op Month with a number of events:

Saturday, October 1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Yard Sale, Greenbelt Nursery School, Community Center grounds

11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Offices

Sunday, October 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Farmers Market and Greenbelt Cooperative Alliance Information Booth, Municipal Center Parking Lot

Thursday, October 6, 7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Offices

Sunday, October 9, 1 to 4 p.m., GHI Membership Picnic, GHI Grounds, Hamilton Place

Friday through Sunday, October 14 through 16, Camp Rapidan Open House Work Weekend

Saturday, October 15, 9 a.m. to noon, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Shredding Day, Community Center Parking Lot

Monday, October 17

7:15 p.m., GHI Pre-purchase Orientation, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Offices

5 to 8 p.m., Restaurant Night Fundraiser for Greenbelt Nursery School, Chevy's Restaurant

Monday, October 17 through Friday, October 21, Credit Union Week, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

Thursday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., International Credit Union Day, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

Wednesday, October 26, Patron Appreciation Day, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy 4 to 6 p.m., Seasonal and Savory Cooking Demonstration, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy

Thursday, October 27 through Saturday, October 29, Fall Auto Sale, Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

Saturday, October 29, 5 p.m., Annual Meeting, Greenbelt News Review, Community Center Building

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A Review

Annual Tryst Provides Window into Life

by Carol Griffith

There’s a certain beauty of timelessness, despite its setting, about “Same Time, Next Year,” now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center though October 15.

George, an accountant, spends his one weekend each year in California doing the books of a friend’s business. In the inn’s restaurant he meets Doris, a ditzy Catholic high-school dropout on her way to an annual retreat. Both are married with seven children between them. Nonetheless they have a passionate, one-night stand and then vow to meet on the same weekend every year. The play follows them at intervals during the 25 years as they continue to meet until its unexpected, but sweet ending.

George and Doris first meet in 1951, so their yearly meetings find them and their relationship affected by and through the turbulence of the 1960s and 1970s, resulting in some striking political and social changes. At times they are on opposite sides of the social divide but their love manages to see them through in sometimes funny, sometimes sad ways.

But it’s the timelessness of the everyday joys and sorrows they share on their annual tryst that is most touching – worries about their children, dealing with their spouses and growing up and old – both touching and entertaining.

**Performers**

Susan Harper returns to GAC as Doris. She turns in a great performance yet she seemed slightly uncomfortable playing Doris as a young woman. Ken Kemp makes a spectacular George and is believable through all the life changes George goes through.

Kudos also go to Denise A. Levien, who does hair and make-up, and Dory Gean Cunningham, the costumer. Each scene involves a complete makeover for the characters and each is done beautifully. As the makeovers take a few minutes, those of us in the audience “of a certain age” were more than entertained by musical selections of the year in which the upcoming scene takes place. Thanks to Scott Bringen, sound design and operations manager, these minutes between scenes brought back memories for many of us.

Treat yourself to this light-hearted peek into the lives of one couple, an example of the changes life brings to all of us.

“Same Time, Next Year” will be performed on the Fridays and Saturdays September 30 and October 1, October 7 and 8 and 14 and 15, at 8 p.m. There will be two Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. on October 2 and 9.

The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway and tickets may be purchased from the box office at 301-441-8770 or visit [www.greenbeltartscenter.org](http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org).



PHOTO BY JEFF LESNIAK

Doris (Susan Harper) and George (Ken Kemp) make a pact to meet every year in “Same Time, Next Year” now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center.



Condolences to Wanda Opsanick, Greenbelt sons Stephen and Mark and the family on the death of her husband Stephen Opsanick on September 21, 2011.

We were saddened to hear of the death on September 22, 2011, of longtime Greenbelter Helen Geller and send sympathy to her husband Harvey and their family and friends.

**Congratulations to:**

- Susan Cahill of Ridge Road, who received an honor award from the head of the Food & Drug Administration for excellence in communicating science to both technical and general audiences.
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors Sebastien Anderson, Taryn Harris, Caitlan Moore, Maurice Shelton, Matthew Shirley, Randi Williams and Amber

Youhouse-Clark, who were among 1,600 African American high school students nationwide named semifinalists in the 2012 National Achievement Scholarship Program. They continue in competition for 800 Achievement Scholarship awards worth more than \$2.4 million to be offered next spring. Sharp eyes may remember seeing Amber Youhouse-Clark’s name here September 15, when she was also announced as a National Merit Scholarship finalist.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Franklin Park). To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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Kazarnovsky talked passionately about the new era at Franklin Park now “drawing in hardworking people” with its upgraded apartments yet the community still remains affordable for Greenbelt and Prince George’s County. He said students occupy approximately 150 apartments and described the support that the complex provides for its student tenants. Franklin Park runs a free shuttle to Bowie State University and the Metro station and contributes to the cost of the University of Maryland shuttle serving the complex. When a group of students was without housing at the beginning of the academic year, Franklin Park was able to provide same day move-in for the students.

Renovations/Upgrades

Fieldstone Properties has already invested \$7 million at Franklin Park and expects to invest another \$8 million before completing planned capital projects in 18 to 24 months. Management said that they are on track to complete the renovations of kitchens and bathrooms in 700 units by the end of this year. The new kitchen cabinets, upgraded appliances, granite countertops and new bathroom fixtures were described earlier in the News Review (October 21, 2010). Renovations of 950 more units are planned for 2012 and 347 in 2013 for an expected total of approximately 2000 renovated units. Long-term tenants occupy the remaining units of the project. Since occupied units will not be renovated, the rent on these units will not be subject to the increases associated with the renovations.

Kazarnovsky described Fieldstone Properties’ frustration with the county permitting process that has delayed completion of the “state-of-the-art” fitness center, a “crucial element to the plan for a better class of tenant.” The fitness center will occupy the building previously housing an early childhood education center, now closed. Completion is now targeted for October 15 if the building permit is issued soon.

Franklin Park will consolidate laundry rooms into a central facility probably located in the old “Giant Food” complex in the center of the property. Operated by a contractor, there will be 50 washers and 50 dryers, all commercial sized with a capacity twice that of typical residential appliances. Kazarnovsky described the management nightmare of the current 192 laundry rooms scattered throughout the complex. There are security issues as the out-of-the-way areas have been attractive to loitering “delinquents” and the vast number of laundry rooms are an ongoing code enforcement problem as water leaks develop often from pipes originally installed in the 1960s.

Kazarnovsky said that the possibility of individual washer/dryer units in each apartment had been studied. Some apartment units and the townhouses were designed with washer-dryers; 476 units currently have laundry facilities. However venting of dryers would be very difficult with most of the current floor plans; vent-less dryers are



New signage has sprouted around Franklin Park, here in front of the Leasing Center.

considered to be prohibitively expensive. Management would consider installing individual units at the request of individual tenants but the cost of such an upgrade would need to be recouped in increased rental costs.

The fact sheet distributed by Franklin Park describes a hoped-for completion of the laundry room consolidation by December 31, 2011.

Maintenance Issues

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze reported that the number of tenant maintenance complaints from Franklin Park reaching Greenbelt Code Enforcement during the month of August was only 5 percent, what it had been during the previous ownership of the apartment project. There were only 241 complaints to Greenbelt Code Enforcement this year of which 16 remained open as of Monday’s meeting. Only two of those were older than 14 days; 14-day completion is the performance standard agreed upon for the complex. Craze indicated that there were two types of complaints which present a disturbing pattern. Water leaks are chronic because of the age of the systems and the economic reality that the infrastructure will not be replaced. Vermin infestations need a consistent approach that treats entire buildings instead of attacking the problem unit by unit.

Craze indicated that the earliest renovations were not done well with contractors not sealing wall apertures appropriately but the process has improved and Franklin Park now has better contractors. The city has developed a checklist for its inspections of the rehabilitated units and this seems to be a better approach.

Kazarnovsky sought to put Craze’s numbers in context: Franklin Park has generated 22,800 “tickets,” individual requests for maintenance services, since November 2010. The maintenance department has completed 21,000 of those tickets including over 16,000 since January. As an example of the commitment of management to providing services to their tenants, he told the council of a Friday afternoon during which a PEPCO power surge knocked out a key component of a large chiller supplying air conditioning to multiple units. Franklin Park’s usual contractor for air conditioning said that they would

be unable to address the issue until Monday in spite of the heat expected over the weekend and the number of tenants impacted. Kazarnovsky said that was not satisfactory and members of the Franklin Park staff sat with lists of air conditioning suppliers from all over the area and went down the lists until a replacement part was located. Tenants had air conditioning by midnight Friday evening after the extraordinary effort by management staff.

Police Statistics

Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, Patrol Commander Carl Schinner and Officer Tim White (dedicated to policing Franklin Park) presented council a statistical analysis with the very good news about the significant reduction in crime in Greenbelt West/Franklin Park. Overall crime is down 24 percent, crimes against persons (murder, rape, robbery, assault) are down 68 percent and property crime is down 12 percent. Officer White has served in the Empirian Village/Franklin Park sector for two years. He said that there was a night and day difference between the previous Empirian Village management and the new management at Franklin Park. Management now cooperates and evicts criminals from the project. Chief Craze gave a “hats off to management for slamming the door on ne’er do wells” in the community.

There has been a troubling increase in B&E (breaking and entering) with an increase of 48 percent in this crime against property, not persons. Both Chief Craze and Kazarnovsky speculated that the increase might be due to more attractive property, “nicer stuff,” owned by the relatively more affluent tenant base.

Summation

Kazarnovsky closed the meeting with a plea to council to “tell the world the job we are doing,” reminding them that it is in everyone’s interest that Franklin Park be an economically viable part of Greenbelt. He asked that the city council tell people that Franklin Park is a good place to live. He reminded them that last October he had said that the city should look at what Fieldstone Properties does at Franklin Park not what they say they will do. Now, Kazarnovsky said, “We have earned the right to sit at the table” as partners with the city.

Fall Harvest Festival to Be Held at Center October 2

Sunday, October 2 the 8th annual Harvest Festival will be held at Roosevelt Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Co-sponsored by Stone Soup Music and the 3-Sisters Gardens projects, the festival includes live music from local musicians, nature crafts, plants for sale and hands-on crafts and arts projects for old and young.

Also scheduled is a short walk to the 3-Sisters Garden located behind the Greenbelt Community Center to place some of the arts and crafts creations there and put the garden to bed for the winter.

Local musicians appearing during the festival include Prairie Rehab, the Gliders, Raincrow, Hot Noodles and Scrub Pines and Smokey Mountain Hilton.

From 1 to 3 p.m. the Greenbelt Glass Guild will demonstrate glass mosaics artistry. All are invited to try hands-on mosaics projects.

The 3-Sisters project will have a fair house-making table. They will also be making raised garden bed boxes for the Springhill Lake Garden’s “Adopt a Garden Box Project.”

Edible and native plants will be sold to raise money to support 3-Sisters projects in Greenbelt Center, East and West. Weather permitting, there will be a solar cooking demonstration.

Stone Soup Music and the 3-Sisters Gardens are projects of the nonprofit Chesapeake Education Arts Research Society.



October Artful Afternoon Focus: Coal Mining Play

On Sunday, October 2 at 3 p.m. at the Community Center Greenbelt’s monthly Artful Afternoon will feature the documentary “Cry of the Mountain” about mountaintop removal in Appalachia.

With real stories from America’s coal fields, Adelind Horan’s play includes one woman, 13 characters and a banjo, coal miners, mining executives, mountaineers, protesters and more; it is a true piece of performance art.

Horan portrays those involved with and affected by mountaintop removal mining with characters performed verbatim from interviews she conducted while volunteering with coal-related cleanup in West Virginia and Kentucky.

“There’s no creating a character,” said Horan, when speaking at Hampshire College. “I interviewed people and created monologues on exactly what they said, verbatim.”

Horan says she found it a little uncomfortable to separate her personal views from her representations of those on the opposing side. “But I think it’s really important to have other people speak,” she said, “so you at least hear what the other argument is.”

As she spoke with some executives working in the involved corporations, she realized that “they never get to present their opinions fairly, so they were really excited to share their views.” Whole Theatre’s Ray Nedzel says, “This is not a protest piece. It is more of an awareness piece. She shows all the sides.”

Artful Afternoon will also include a recycled craft project from 1 to 3 p.m. led by Girl Scout

Troop 4816. Participants in the craft project will make their own refrigerator or locker magnets using recycled bottle caps.

The closing exhibit reception for “What Remains: New Work by the Greenbelt Community Center Artists in Residence” will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Artist Lorraine DiPietro says, “Handbuilders often accumulate clay scraps while they work.” “Occasionally, the scraps tell you they do not want to be re-wedged into a block of clay. . . they want to retain their form and become something else.”

Other Activities

The studios of the nine Community Center Artists-in-Residence will be open on the third floor from 1 to 4 p.m.

Enter to win free tickets for the Greenbelt Arts Center or to one of Greenbelt’s new “Mad Hot Ballroom” dance events at the gallery desk.

The Greenbelt Museum exhibit “Green from the Start: The History of Gardening in Greenbelt” will be open. The Greenbelt Museum Historic House at 10-B Crescent Road will also be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. for a nominal fee (free with museum membership).

The Artful Afternoons award-winning monthly series is produced by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For additional information or to volunteer call 240-542-2057. Arts programs of the City of Greenbelt are supported in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.